



**MINUTES
ART REVIEW BOARD
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Tong called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Raymond Tong; Vice Chairperson Carol Lawton; Board Members; Laurie Manuel. Board Member Susan Longini arrived 1:45 p.m.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Meerjans, Art Review Board Secretary and Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

No items.

PUBLIC/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Margaret Talt suggested preparation of an Art brochure and suggested more public education about art. She also discussed a need for documentation of public art including photographs and addresses.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

ITEM 1. FIRE STATION #10 – 5001 DEEP CREEK ROAD – to consider repair, replacement or removal of the deteriorated “Drought Fountain” public art located in the Northern Plain Planning Area.

Project Planner – Barbara Meerjans, (510) 494-4451, bmeerjans@ci.fremont.gov

There were no public speakers on this item.

The Board reviewed photographs of the sculpture proposed to be removed and discussed the condition of the art work. On a motion by Vice Chairperson Lawton and seconded by Board Member Longini, the Board moved to approve the following:

1. Recommend to City Council removal of the “Drought fountain” sculpture at Fire Station #10 and consider this location for public art in the future to be funded by the pooled art fund.
2. Recommend the plaque identifying the art and artist be displayed in the station lobby with a photograph of the sculpture.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	3 – Lawton, Longini, Manuel, Tong
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

ITEM 2. FIRE TACTICAL TRAINING CENTER – 7200 STEVENSON BOULEVARD – to consider public art component of the new Fire Tactical Training Center located in the Industrial Planning Area.

Project Planner – Barbara Meerjans, (510) 494-4451, bmeerjans@ci.fremont.gov

There were no public speakers on this item.

The Board discussed the location. On a motion by Board Member Longini and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lawton, the Board moved to approve the following:

1. Recommend to City Council the public art funds from the Fire Tactical Training Center be transferred to the pooled art funds to allow for placement of art in a location more beneficial to the general public.

ITEM 3. MIDTOWN PRESENTATION - PROJECT UPDATE

Project Planner – Jeff Schwob, (510) 494-4527, jschwob@ci.fremont.gov

The Board received a staff presentation of the status of the Midtown Project. The Board made the following comments:

- The Board suggested that iconic buildings were very important in establishing the sense of place and identity for the Midtown.
- The Board asked what the next steps were in the process and what their involvement would be with the art consultant.
- The Board also asked if the project would include the review of what the “burden” on development would be to include the amenities described.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board asked that the possibility of adding a student to the Board be put on a future agenda for discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Meerjans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Meerjans, Secretary
Art Review Board